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1840-1875/1920's

1044-1000 Light St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The west side of the 1000 block of Light St. has a number of quite interesting and unusual buildings. 1040-1044 Light St. is a typical group of three story, two and three bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices which has always served a mixed commercial/residential function and dates from the 1870's. At 1036-1038 Light St. there is the McHenry Theatre, an Art-Deco style brown brick structure built in the 1920's to serve as one of three neighborhood movie houses, the other two of which are now gone. The original interior of the theatre is still intact, with community plans underway to reopen it as a movie theatre, but the old lobby area has been converted into two modern storefronts. At 1024 Light St. Public School #15 survives in its original Tuscan Revival form, two stories high, six bays wide with a low-pitched gable roof running perpendicular to Light St. with deeply projecting eaves supported by thin wooden brackets. The first floor area of the building has been converted into a modern storefront. Across Poultney St., to the north, at 1022 Light St. is a typical three story, three bay wide combination commercial/residential structure with shed roof and bracketed cornice dating from the early 1850's (it originally had a gable roof). At 1016-1020 Light St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built in the early 1850's and currently used as both residences and storefronts. To the north, at 1008-1014 Light St., stands the large two and a half story, three bay wide, brick Queen Anne style Salvation Army Building, which was built as a Friends Meeting House in the 1870's. Finally, at 1000-1006 Light St. there is a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built about 1840 by John S. Gittings and others. All of the houses retain their original exterior form except for 1000 Light St. which has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. All of the first floor areas of this group of houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1016-1020 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

___BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

☒COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of three story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs was built in the late 1850's-early 1860's.. All of the houses have been covered with formstone and their first floor areas converted into store-fronts.

The houses are three stories in height, 1016 and 1018 Light St. are about 15' wide, 1020 Light is about 13 1/2' wide, and all occupy lots about 74' deep. Each house is one room deep and has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition. 1016 Light has an extra one story high, two bay deep modern addition and 1018 Light has an extra one story high, one bay deep addition with a frame second story. The houses are constructed in running bond, but the facades have been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a continuous two-tier brick cornice which is also hidden by the formstone. Each house has a double hooded chimney located at the peak of the gable roof. At 1016 and 1020 Light the chimney is located on the north side of the house; at 1018 Light the chimney is located on the south side of the house. 1016 and 1018 Light also share a double hooded chimney located at the end of the first two bays of the rear addition, and a double covered chimney located at the end of the second two bays of the addition. 1021 Light has a single chimney located on the north side of the first section of the rear addition.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the lintels were flat, probably splayed brick. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of each house have been converted into store-fronts, that of 1018 Light being a part of the store-front entered at 1016 Light. At 1016 Light St. a glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom (which has been covered with siding) is located in the southernmost bay, flanked by a plate glass shop window set on a brick base. An aluminum and plasticized sign extends across the entire width of the store-front, above the shop windows. At 1018 Light St. all of the first floor openings have been filled in and covered with formstone, the first floor area serving as additional space for the store occupying 1016 Light St. At 1020 Light St. a glass and panel door is located in the northernmost bay and the original first floor window has been replaced by a wide octagonal window. Both entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1851-1853

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John and Henry Travers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area--men who owned small businesses or who had prospered at the local ship-building and glass-making trades. In addition to the full three story height, these houses are generally larger in overall scale than the type of house built for working class residents. The rooms are larger, more open, and with higher ceilings; the spacious stairways are located in a separate stair hall area which communicates with both the main body of the house and the kitchen and dining room located in a rear addition.

This particular group of houses was built by John and Henry Travers, agents for the Cambridge steamboat, and also wood dealers. John Travers lived at 1018 Light St., Henry Travers lived at 1016 Light St., and they sold 1020 Light St. to Samuel Vanhorn, a carpenter who lived there in the later 1850's. Henry Travers had become a ship owner by 1858 and his brother John Thomas had become a Captain of his own ship.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GES 160, Folio 110; GR 658, Folio 200; ED 28, Folio 40; Baltimore City Directory, 1851, 1853-54, 1855-56, 1858-59

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15'3" x 73' (1016); 15' x 74' (1018); 13'9" x 74' (1020)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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